

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the section heading at page 1, line 1.

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, line 7:

-- Field of the Invention --

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~BACKGROUND ART~~ DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART --

Please insert the following section heading at page 7, after line 12:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please delete the section heading at page 7, line 26.

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 24, line 16, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --